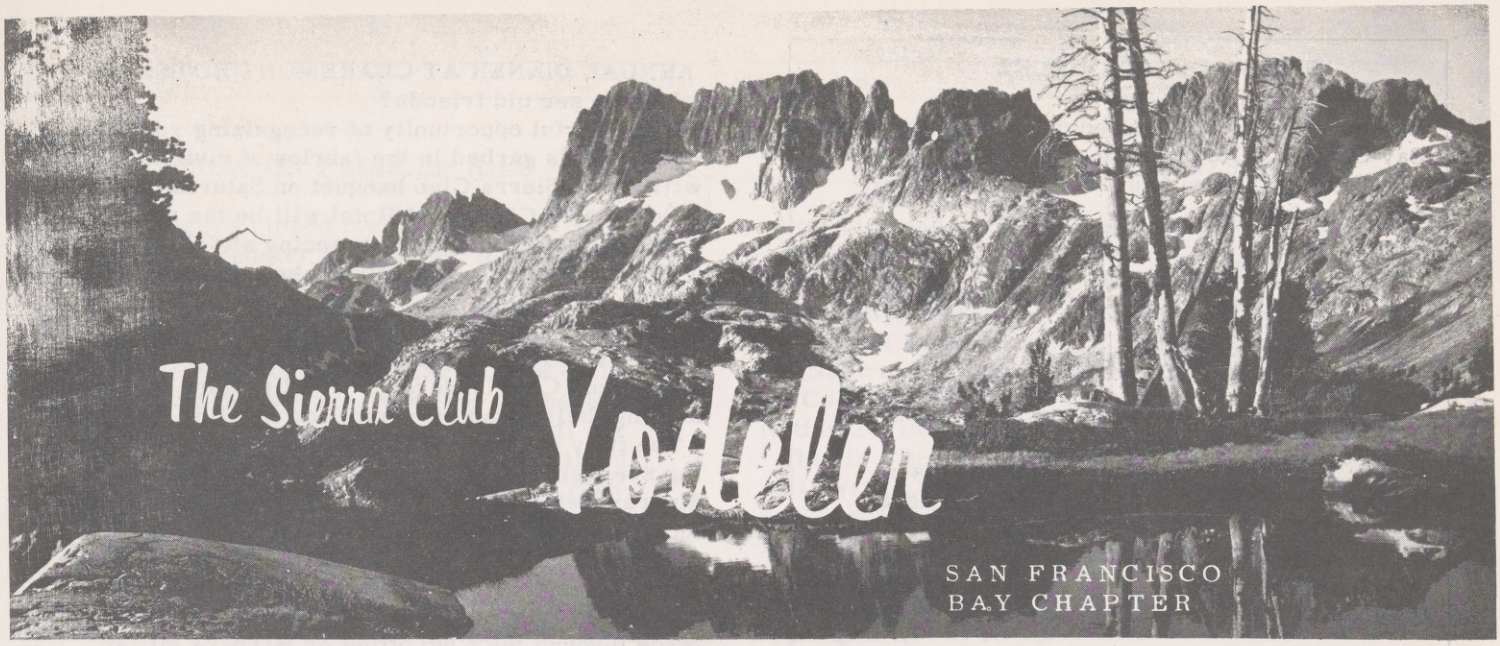

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WILDERNESS BILL: Question List

Opposition to the Wilderness Bills now before Congress comes from the State Chamberof Commerce in letters and press releases which show an astonishing failure to study the bills in detail. We summarize the objections sent out by the officers of the State Chamber of Commerce and also the very practical reply distributed by the Sierra Club in the form of a letter to Senator Knowland.

The objections state: Congress would take over the authority for establishing and freezing Wilderness areas and the administration of the Forest Service would be nullified: it is conceivable that our wilderness areas might be no longer part of the national forest system. This would be tragic since the most important function of these high mountain areas is control of our snow-pack and water runoff, and watersheds must be all times be managed as natural watershed units. (This seems to Yodeler an argument which favors wilderness but that was the wording used by the C. of C.) The final paragraph of this release suggests other motives: "It is important that the existing latitude for decision be retained by the Secretary of Agriculture, who has been responsive to local needs."

(Does this mean the demands of miners, lumbermen and other commercial users?)

In reply to these objections we quote freely from a letter by Dave Brower which points out the inaccuracies. Remember these points for use when you meet the strictly practical businessman.

Will the Bill imperil water development?

No. Most wilderness is high where it provides optimum watershed protection, and gravity will bring the water downstream users. If it is proved that there are no alternatives to water developments boundaries can be changed by Congress.

Will the Bill "freeze" or "lock up" resources?

No. It will continue and improve present protection of wilderness. Whatever the Bill might appear to freeze will be well preserved, subject to thaw when ever a good case is made. Without the Bill the same

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EAST BAY DINNER TO FEATURE GLACIER PEAK TRIP

Mr. Lewis Clark, past president of the Sierra Club, will show some of his photographic studies of Glacier Peak taken on the Club trip last summer at the East Bay Dinner, April 10 at Whittier School.

Glacier Peak has glaciers with ice falls, and one of the lakes in the vicinity is fiord-like. Come out for an evening of dinner at 6:30, pleasant company and a program, we understand, of unexcelled scenery.

Phone Betty Franklin at OLympic 5-5113 by Monday, April 8 for dinner reservations or cancellations.

ATTENTION: CAR CAMPERS

This is IT! The first car camping trip of the year will be on April 6/7 at L/N Ranch, near Pope Valley. The bloomin' wildflowers are really something to see in this area, and Stretch Swinford, trip leader, reports that they are already putting up quite a show. And all you back-to-nature people should be prepared (whatever that means to you) for a delicious dip in Putah Creek. Hurry, hurry, hurry! Get your reservation in a scurry. (Ugh!) Call either Dorothy Durham (MIssion 7-9195), or Bernice Bonds (THornwall 5-2905), about reservations, driving directions, camping charge, availability of wood, or just anything at all.

SCHEDULE STUFFING

Club Office, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday

April 16, 1957

Meet your friends! Get your Supply of Schedules Early!

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NEXT DEADLINE: Monday, April 15

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NATURAL SCIENCE CALENDAR

APRIL 28: The Sonoma Landscape. Connie Menzies and Marianne Shepard will lead a hike of roughly 4 miles, in part through some of the land proposed for the Jack London State Park. There is plenty of poison oak, but we'll try to avoid it. Given clear weather, we'll enjoy a beautiful view of Hood Mountain with Mt. St. Helena towering behind it and a fir and redwood forest in the foreground. We'll circle the north side of Fern Lake and visit Wolf House en route.

Driving directions: Meet at 10:00 a. m. at Connie's home, 1440 Hill Road, Glen Ellen. If coming from the south via Eldridge, take the first road up the hill to the left after passing the Glen Ellen sign. This is Hill Road, plainly labelled. Drive to the end of the road and park along road or in driveway. If coming from the north, after passing the Glen Ellen Hotel you will find Hill Road to be the second up hill to the right. If you need other details or have transportation to share please call Wilfred Ward, LAndscape 6-4176, preferably before the very last minute.

COMING UP-ANNUAL MOUNTAIN PLAY

The Mountain Play Association has selected "Tamalpa" for this year's play to be given on the traditional third Sunday in May, at the Mountain Theatre at Mt. Tamalpais State Park.

This fantasy is based on Indian legends and folklore developed by the tribes that roamed Marin hill and dale long before Drake sailed into the Bay that now bears his name.

Casting for the play is in progress and includes many experienced players. Be sure and save the date.

ANNUAL DINNER AT CLAREMONT HOTEL

Like to see old friends?

A wonderful opportunity of recognizing your outdoor friends garbed in the fabrics of civilization will be the Sierra Club banquet on Saturday, May 4.

Berkeley's Claremont Hotel will be the setting for this gala evening, commencing at 6:00 p. m. with a social hour, with dinner being served at 7:00 p. m.

This will be the time to re-hash your tough experiences with old friends, meet new members and greet your Club leaders - - the directors will be holding their annual organization meeting that day.

The fully planned evening will feature an outstanding speaker, (to be announced shortly) dancing to Murray Peterson's orchestra, and pictures (both movies and slides) plus endless opportunities for reminiscing.

All this is yours for the price of $5.75.

Dress is semi-formal. Reservations may be made through the Club office or Barbara Miller, 739 Lake Street, San Francisco, or Ned Robinson, 552 Montclair Avenue, Oakland. ..Ned Robinson

HOSPITALITY

Don't forget that the Council delegates to the meeting on May 4 and 5 will need overnight hospitality. If you can find room for a guest that weekend please send your name, address and phone on a card to our chairman for Council Hospitality.

Mrs. Edwin A. Abeel (Mary Abeel)
575 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley 8

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resources can be easily "boiled" away.

Will the Bill create a "super government" agency?
No. The Council created by the Bill has no administrative authority. Present agencies will serve on it.

Will Congress be "usurping" power over the land?
No. Congress delegated the power in the first place and always retained it. Under the Bill Congress asks the opportunity to review staff decisions on disposal of certain types of land.

Will the Bill remove wilderness from Forest Service jurisdiction?
No. Existing control will continue. Park Service will manage wilderness with Parks, Forest Service those within National Forests. In fact, without the protection of the Bill there will probably be increased pressure to transfer the best wilderness areas to National Parks to protect them.

In summary the Sierra Club says: The Wilderness Bill can make no irreversible decisions. Lack of the Bill can permit irreversible decisions by default.

We suggest you keep this question list for future reference. The Bills will need your support and this may give you some thoughts to express which will answer inaccurate or wilful objections. These bills let the public, through Congress, know what is happening to its wilderness, and why it is happening.

. . . CMC

SNOW ON PEDDLER HILL

The Racqueteers closed the season with a snow-camping trip to Peddler Hill, which may make history in the annals of Club Racqueteering.

Eight eager snowshoers met leaders Phyllis Lindley and Dick McIntosh at the roadhead Saturday morning. (This represents an 800% increase in snow-campers since 1955, and 200% since 1956, for the benefit of those interested in such statistics.) We left the roadhead in balmy spring weather, and began our trip by going downhill all the way to Bear Creek Reservoir. After a lazy, sunny lunch hour overlooking the lake, we began the climb up to the ridge and to the camp.

A large snowless space provided an excellent campside and room for the tents of the provident, and the parkas of the improvident. Thus we became the first Racqueteers to snow-camp on the ground, and spent the evening happily enjoying good food and conversation, and trying to melt enough snow to take care of the vast amount of tea drinking and dish washing going on in camp.

We awakened Sunday to a gentle snowstorm, which those of us without tents enjoyed on more intimate terms. In camp, we found Phyllis cooking our breakfast from her sleeping bag, with hot coffee and scrapple ready for us. At the opposite end of the camp, Dick presided over another primus in the same comfortable fashion.

The snowstorm became heavier and more beautiful before we broke camp. After following the ridge through pines and manzanita, we again ate lunch overlooking the lake. This time, a cold sleet fell about us and dampened our mittens but not our spirits. The trek out from the lake was found to have increased from 2 miles to about 4 miles, before we reached the cars, the first snow-camping Racqueteers to have been snowed upon. Mountaineers Lindley and McIntosh will be long remembered for providing one of the most exciting and spectacular snow-camping trips we've yet enjoyed.

-- Hasse Bunnelle

RTS TRAINING PROGRAM

Every Tuesday evening at either Canoe House on Lake Merritt or the Rose Room of the Oakland YMCA there are lectures, demonstrations, slides and movies on boating technique and equipment.

Classes in Eskimo Rescue will start in May and will be held on Tuesday evenings.

For details on the training course or on scheduled trips, please call either trip leaders or anyone listed in the River Touring Committee in the front of the Schedule.

Beginners are urged to come to Eucalyptus Cove on April 14 where they will have an opportunity to try various boats on a protected bay. See your Schedule, page 47.

"AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES"

How to conserve this country's natural wealth in the face of rising population and per-capita consumption is the subject of a new book entitled "America's Natural Resources" to be published on April 15 by the Ronald Press Company. It has been edited for the Natural Resources Council of America by Charles H. Collison, Chairman of the Education Committee, National Wildlife Federation ($3.75).

This is a concise summary of the basic facts about soil, water, grasslands, forests, and each of the major renewable resources--so presented as to be immediately useful to the reader who has little knowledge of the scientific details.

Each topic is covered in a separate chapter by a leading authority who sketches the historical background, points out the importance of the resource to human life, shows the dangers that threaten it, and explains sound methods by which it may be preserved and used most profitably in the long run. Introductory and final chapters give a broad perspective on national and world conservation problems, and emphasis throughout is on the interdependence of all resources.

Here is essential reading for all who have glimpsed the dangers threatening America's natural resources and wish to take intelligent action in their defense as individuals or on community, state, or national levels.

RIVER TOURING TRIP TO DRAKE'S BAY

Bob Jenny led an unscheduled flat water trip to Drake's Bay on the weekend of March 23-24. We drove along a rough dirt road for a few miles and made camp on a brush-covered spit of land which bordered a long inlet of Drake's Bay. Dianne Clayton, Red Cockerline, and Bob Jenny set out their crab traps while Herman Lichtman and Emily King dug clams. Bob riggled his double Klepper with a sail, and this provided exciting sport in the choppy waters whipped by the fresh wind of the inlet. Herman and Emily were stranded on a sand bar when the tide ran out so fast that they were unable to paddle against the swift-flowing waters.

Around the campfire Saturday night, there was singing, cornpopping, and marshmallow roasting until we crawled sleepily into our bags, watched the stars, and listened to the bullfrog symphony from the pond.

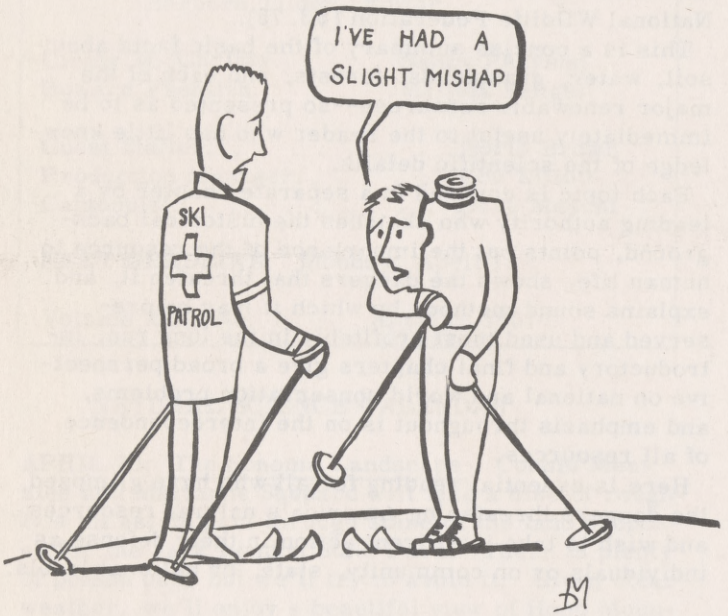
Sunday was another clear day with sunlight sparkling the choppy blue waters. Harry Waterbury, Barbara Eppstein, Dave Woods, and Slavka .....(?) arrived to join the party. There was more boating, sea-lion chasing, beachcombing, shell hunting, wading, hiking, and just plain lazy sunbathing. The crabs that Bob, Diane, and Red caught were made into a salad for the thirteen beachcombers. It was a fitting climax for a happy week-end.

--Herman Lichtman

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM
TO COME TO A RIVER TOURING TRIP!

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR

On March 23, well-known knapsacker, folk dancer, and skier Oscar Carlson "crashed" in the Gully of Mt. Lincoln, partially severing a knee ligament and requiring over ten stitches at the Truckee Hospital. Unlike most injured skiers, ol' Os skied right to the first aid room and commented, "I've had a slight mishap." The villain: one of



those razor sharp off-set edges on Oscar's brand new Heads. (Thanks, FS, for this well written information.)

And from Taipen, Taiwan, Charles Kraebel writes "...Taiwan has an abundance of rugged mountains but I cannot call it a mountaineer's delight... lush tropical vegetation, rain, mud, and verticality, usually frustrating for color photography. Had two or three climbs, tough for me even tough by aborigine trains, but have yet to penetrate the real high country. There are half a dozen peaks close to 13,000 feet, and many above 10,000. Police "stations" at all possible approaches make "mountain passports" compulsory." Charles is on assignment from UC as Advisory Professor to the Forestry Dept. of National Taiwan University.

Wedding bells rang Saturday for Margaret Jory and James Tracy at the Chapel of the Pacific School of Religion, (which we hear is a wonderful place to get married in case you're thinking of it), with a reception at the Women's City Club.

A little older news is the February marriage of Ruth Drummond and Franz H. R. Sturmfeder. Ruth was well known on last summer's Emerald Lake Base Camp (1st 2-weeks). The happy couple is living in Bowman, Placer County.

New arrival department--a baby boy for Joan (Altieri) Ferguson, born March 16.

...HF

SIERRA CLUB FIRST IN FREITAS MEMORIAL

At the Sugar Bowl, March 30, 1957, the Sierra Club teams took 1st and 4rd places in the First Bill Freitas Memorial Race. The perpetual trophy is held by the Oakland Ski Club. Our miniature trophy will be in the Lodge very shortly for all to see. The following are the ones who participated and brought home our trophy.

Ellie Godon, Lennie Lamb, Molly Babbington, Lotte Martens, Lisa Esherick, Anne Waybur, Helen Wagner, Jim Nicklos, Ben Pope, Bob McGillicuddy, Bert Tolbert, Don Rehbein, Julius Siddon, John Roberts, Garf, Hal Lentz, Hank Schwarz, Ben Anderson, George Homsey, Don Huber, Don McClosky, A. Formichelli, J. Esherick.

GUARANTEED LODGING FOR THE OLYMPICS IN 1960

Construction of the Bradley Hut is to commence this Summer and all Sierrans are invited to participate.

By joining this summer's work parties you will be given work party credit for the Clair Tappan Lodge next winter or for the Bradley Hut in 1960-during the time that the Olympics are being held in neighboring Squaw Valley.

This ski hut is the third in the projected chain of ski huts between Highway 50 and 40 and is to be located in the Five Lakes Basin immediately south of Squaw Valley. It is a memorial to Josephine Bradley, the beloved late wife of Club Director, Dr. Harold Bradley.

It is anticipated that this hut will serve a dual purpose to the ski tourer as a pleasant day's trip from either Ludlow Hut to the south, or Benson Hut to the north, and to the slope skier as it is a fine five minute downhill run from the top of the Squaw Valley ski lift.

No experience is necessary and there will be fun, food and work for all. Work parties are to be held on the following weekends: June 22, 23; July 4, 5, 6 and 7; July 20, 21; August 3, 4, 17 and 18; and August 31 and September 1. Reserve a weekend now.

The Hut Committee is also looking for equipment to be used in construction. We'd appreciate hearing from anyone who knows where we can beg, borrow, or steal the following: 1 portable gasoline-electric generator; 1 small donkey engine for hauling materials up the head wall leading to the hut site; 1 front wheel drive truck for carrying materials for highway to haul line; many feet of medium sized cable (used).

If you have any information as to where this equipment can be secured or if you wish to sign up for the work parties, please call or write me at 552 Montclair Avenue, Oakland; TWinoaks 3-9162.

...Ned Robinson

POISON OAK: HOW TO LICK IT

First of all, learn to keep an eye out for that shiny, three-leaved little plant. Keep legs, arms and especially hands covered if you are very susceptible. Also there are lotions which can be applied just like the sun-tan variety. There's one called "Surfadil." But as important -- wash with cold water plus some baking soda. This dissolves the poisonous oil, which a hot bath spreads all over you. Take the hot one later. Finally, on over night trips, keep up all these good habits and see that no part of the poison oak shrub gets into the camp fire. (Lifted from the "CONDOR CALL" from a former sufferer).

WANTED

Storage Space for Lease in East Bay

The Sierra Club is badly in need of storage space, somewhere in the East Bay area (preferably Berkeley) for outing and other equipment. Double garage size (or larger) is what we have in mind. If anyone knows of possible available space, please contact Bill Dunmire at LAndscape 5-8371 (evenings) or through the Club office. Rent to be arranged. . . .Bill Dunmire

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LADIES S&K Hiking boots size 5-1/2C
TROUSERS and socks to match.
LIKE NEW-worn once, $15.00 or BEST OFFER.
CALL VAlencia 4-0770 -- Otto Bartholdy
1073-A So. Van Ness
San Francisco

FOR SALE

CHILD'S SLEEPING BAG. Warm bag for a small child (up to 6 years) one pound of down, see description in Gerry's catalog (page 11). Slightly used, $5.00. Fred Gunsky, 141 Montecito Drive, Mill Valley.

WANTED

Riders or a ride to Alta. Easter week, April 13-20. Bill Colvig - Sutter 1-3714. 6-7 p.m.

WANTED TO RENT

Wanted to rent, by responsible party: one rubber boat (approx. 10 ft.) or two smaller ones for two weeks in June. Call THornwall 5-4184.
G. H. Reedy.

NATIONAL PATROL HAS NEW MEMBERS

The most recent appointment to the National Ski Patrol, Jerry Colburn, Don Rehbein and Bob McGillicuddy, are all members of the Sierra Club. Congratulations on this honor and recognition of their hard work is in order from all of us.

THAT'S ALL!

Elizabeth Zierer's letter two issues ago criticizing our new format, really aroused reader interest. We have a couple of more replies: Harvey Mielenz thinks the new style is very clean cut and easier to read. Marcia Gaines is proud when she shows it to her non-member friends, finds it more interesting and easier on the eyes, and feels proud of it like she is of the rest of the club.
And, with this, having printed extensive and representative excerpts on both sides, we think the subject is exhausted. . . .HF

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RUDY HAS THE LAST WORD--

OF MICE & MEN ? NO !
OF DOGS AND JOURNALISTS-
THERE IS A STRANGE LEGEND THAT SAYS A MANS BEST FRIEND IS HIS DOG----
— GOOD GRIEF !
Apologies to MR. Schulz -
3-21-57

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY!

It's been fun - it's been rewarding - and it's been over five years! This is my last issue as editor of the Yodeler. I'll miss the staff and the fun of working on the paper. However, I'm chairman of the River Touring Section now, and cannot do justice to two jobs.

Howard Frohlich will be taking over, and I know you'll give him the enthusiastic cooperation and support that he deserves.

-- Barbara Tilden

MERCED RIVER TRIP

April 6-7 will be a river touring trip for INTERMEDIATES down the Merced River below Exchecquer Dam. The Schedule tells us this is a beautiful trip, and leader Ray Simpson corroborates this. Novices are welcome without boats, as there are a number of vantage points from which to photograph or just drink in the view. This is a good trip for practice camping and hiking; and, lacking a boat, you might even try fishing. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the lower side of the dam, and be on our way by 10:15. Call leader Ray Simpson (this is a change from the Schecule) at HEmlock 1-6893, evenings, for further information.

FOR INTERMEDIATES ONLY

Oakland-Manteca - Hyw 50	68 miles
Manteca - Modesto-Hwy 99S	16 miles
Modesto-LaGrange Hwy 132	31 miles
LaGrange-south (right)	11 miles
near Snelling-Merced Falls (left)	6 miles
Merced Falls-camp	6 1/2 miles right of road

Total distance: 139 miles

MC KENZIE RIVER BOAT PARADE

The annual trip on the McKenzie River in Oregon will be a two day affair, April 13 and 14. Rich Chambers of Salem has extended an invitation to any boaters coming from this area to get in touch with him, and he will arrange hospitality.